

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1-8 and add Claims 9-13 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An image reading apparatus for reading an image of a document, comprising:

an image reading unit ~~configured to read for reading~~ the image of the document;

an illuminating unit ~~configured to illuminate for illuminating~~ the document;

an image-forming unit for forming the image of the document onto the image-reading apparatus, wherein the image-forming unit is constructed with a plurality of image-forming mirrors ~~configured to reflect light from the document; and~~ formed with an off-axis reflecting surface with which a reference-axis ray has a different incident direction and reflected direction; the off-axis reflecting surface having a curvature;

a housing ~~configured to support the plurality of mirrors,~~ for supporting the image-reading unit, the illumination unit, and the image-forming unit; and

wherein at least one of the plurality of mirrors comprises:

a curved reflecting surface, and

two contact portions, disposed on a side of the mirror on which the curved reflecting surface is provided, configured and positioned to determine the position of the curved reflecting surface in a direction normal to the surface thereof when contacted with the housing.

a scanning unit that moves the housing to perform scanning of the image of the document;

wherein each of the image forming mirrors is disposed on a reflecting surface side thereof with urging parts being urged against the housing to determine the position of the reflecting surface.

2. (Currently Amended) An image reading apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the contact portions urging parts provided on the at least one of the mirrors image forming mirrors have a flat portion part.

3. (Currently Amended) An image reading apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the off-axis curved reflecting surface and the contact portions urging parts of the mirrors each image forming mirror are formed integrally.

4. (Currently Amended) An image reading apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the at least one of the mirrors comprises image forming mirrors comprise longitudinal position determining parts and lateral position determining parts for respectively and independently determining a longitudinal direction position and a lateral direction position.

5. (Currently Amended) An image reading apparatus according to claim 4, wherein either the longitudinal position determining parts or the lateral direction position determining parts provided on the at least one of the mirrors image forming mirrors are formed on flat portions parts.

6. (Currently Amended) An image reading apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the longitudinal position determining parts and the lateral position determining parts provided on the at least one of the mirrors ~~each image forming mirror~~ determine the position of a reference axis of the off-axis curved reflecting surface of the at least one of the mirrors ~~image forming mirror~~.

7. (Currently Amended) An image reading apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the off-axis curved reflecting surface, and the longitudinal position determining parts and the lateral position determining parts are formed integrally for the at least one of the mirrors ~~each of the image forming mirrors~~.

8. (Currently Amended) An image reading apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the housing comprises respective engaging parts with which the longitudinal position determining parts and the lateral position determining parts of the at least one of the ~~image forming~~ mirrors engage, and when the engaging parts, and the longitudinal position determining parts and the lateral position determining parts engage with each other, each portion of the engaging parts can slide in a direction orthogonal to a position determining direction, thereby allowing thermal expansion of the at least one of the ~~image forming~~ mirrors.

9. (New) An image reading apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a spring configured and positioned to press the two contact portions against the housing to determine the position of the curved reflecting surface.

10. (New) An image reading apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of mirrors, each of which comprising the curved reflecting surface and the two contact portions, is configured to form the image of the document onto the image forming unit, and a reference-axis ray has a different incident direction and reflected direction with the curved reflecting surface.

11. (New) An image reading apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a scanning unit configured to move the housing to perform scanning of the image of the document, wherein the housing further supports the image reading unit and the illumination unit.

12. (New) An image reading apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the two contact portions are adjacent to the curved reflecting surface.

13. (New) An image reading apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the curved reflecting surface is between one of the two contact portions and the other of the two contact portions.